

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, the first Action on the merits herein, claims 1-271, i.e., all claims as filed, have been examined. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-85 are allowable but for their dependence on a rejected base claim. The remaining claims, i.e., claims 1 and 89-271, stand provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as follows:

Claim 1, over claims 40 and 41 of U.S. Patent No. 6,649,138 to Adams et al.;

Claims 86-129, over claims 1-45 of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,971;

Claims 130-178, over claims 46-95 of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,971;

Claims 179-222, over claims 96-140 of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,971; and

Claims 233-271, over claims 141-189 of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,971.

Without wishing to acquiesce in any of the aforementioned grounds of rejection, applicants are, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution, submitting two terminal disclaimers herewith, one over U.S. Patent No. 6,649,138, and the second over pending U.S. Serial No. 10/716,971.

As the issues raised by the Office have been addressed, the application is now in condition for allowance. A prompt notification to that effect would be very much appreciated.

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